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Examiner Chong:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed November 13, 2008. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding office action. This communication is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees during the entire pendency of this application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-4302, referencing Attorney Docket No. NWESTERN-08739. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).